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Cultural spaces key for urban indigenous people to heal



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

and folks are still looking for answers and healing."

The city has been consulting stakeholders about its urban aboriginal strategy, according to Coun. Brian Pincott, who says advocates are asking for a central information and healing centre.

He said stakeholders told him an urban aboriginal centre would be the foundation for spurring language and culture.

"Our challenge as a city is going to be open to honestly look at what we have in our city systems that could have contributed to murdered and missing indigenous women," he said.

"We, as a city, have to be willing to honestly look at that and our role within that."

For Nepinak, the conversation shouldn't end on days when big announcements are made.

"We need to continue to consult and talk about this," she said. "Reports and speeches are great, but we need action, and I'm hopeful this inquiry will help in understanding what we need to do going forward."

Inside the inquiry

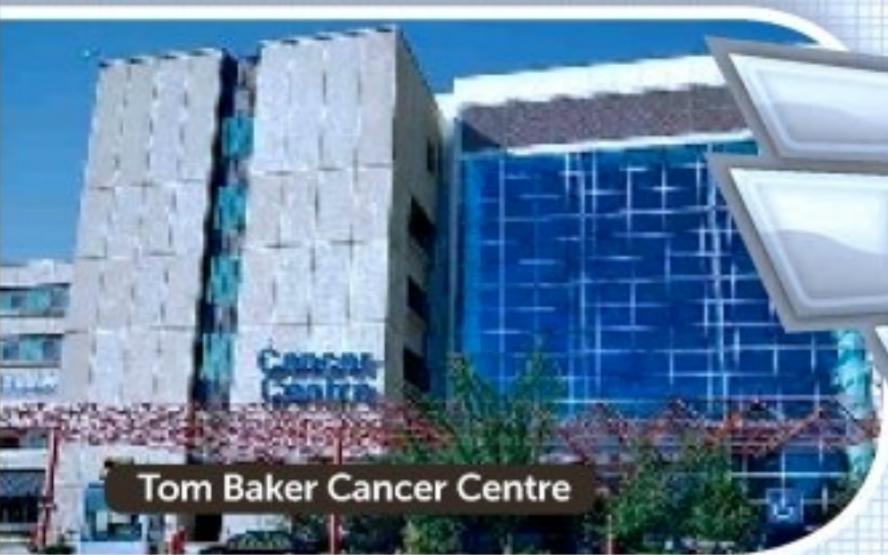
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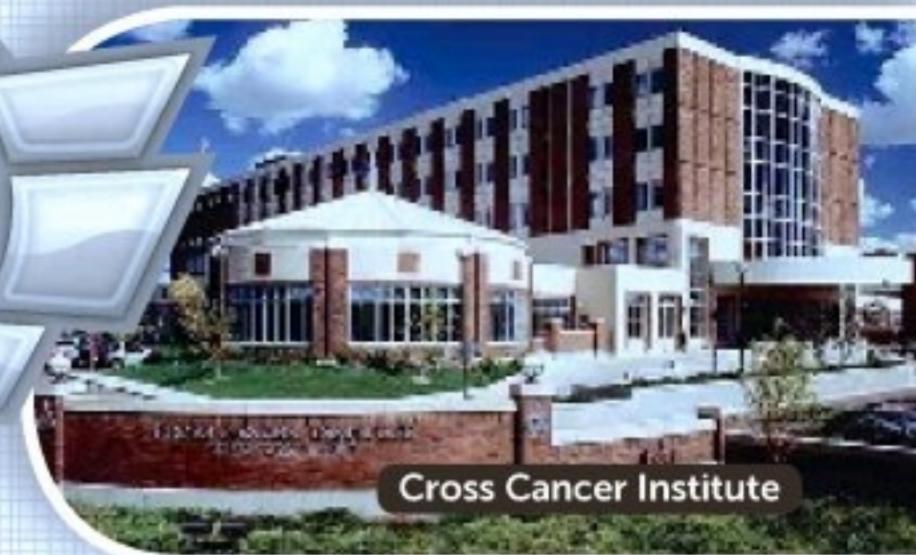


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EDUCATION

Year-round school has benefits: Expert

When you think back to school, you don't usually think of it happening in the middle of the summer, but for many Calgary students Wednesday was the first day back. Two such students were grade six students Luke Capadosa and Joana Arriola who are in the year-round program at Our Lady of Fatima School.

"When I talk to my friends who aren't in year-round program it's kind of weird to say I'm in school the next day," said Arriola. "I'm happy to be back though because I get to see my friends and when I start learning I advance a little quicker."

Capadosa said he's happy to be back because "two months of doing nothing is boring," to him.

Principal John Griffiths said one of the upsides to the program is that it often works better for family schedules.

Those who attend year-round

school will get more frequent breaks throughout the year.

"For example, when the traditional stream kids get a long weekend at thanksgiving these guys get two weeks," he said.

Tammi Dagley, whose son Braydon attends Grade 9 at St. Joseph's, said having more frequent breaks helps ease anxiety when heading back to school.

"It's a small core group of them so it takes some of the pressures off and he finds it's an easier transition," she said.

Associate Dean at the U of C Werlund School of Education said spreading vacations over the year has benefits for students, teachers and parents.

"Most of the benefits have to do with the way family schedules work," he said. "It's also the idea of keeping more regular contact with kids in the schools."

LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

Family thankful for return of son's walker

STOLEN PROPERTY

Someone called police after spotting truck it was in

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary family is elated with the way a horrible situation was quickly resolved Wednesday.

Krystle Heikkinen said she and her husband woke up Wednesday morning to find their truck had been stolen—but the worst part of it all was that their two-year-old son Henry's pediatric walker was in the back.

Henry, who suffers from cerebral palsy, relies on the walker to be able to move around independently.

"My husband loaded the walker into the truck last night before bed, as we usually do, because it's a big piece that you can't fold," she said. "When he got up this morning to get in his truck and take Henry, we noticed the truck was gone and of course the walker was gone as well."

Initially, Heikkinen said they didn't even care if their truck was returned, but were praying the walker would be returned as soon as possible.

"It's pretty upsetting. Henry's walker is a \$3,000 piece of equipment and it's custom ordered for him, so it's not just something we can pop over to the store



Krystle and Dustin Heikkinen stand by their son Henry, who is happy to have his walker back less than a day after it was stolen, along with Dustin's truck, from in front of their Douglaslen home. BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

and pick up," she said. "It took us about six months to get the first one."

Luckily however, a Good Samaritan called police Wednesday afternoon after spotting the truck close to the family's home in Quarry Park and saw the bright yellow walker in the back.

"Someone saw our Facebook post and saw the truck," said Heikkinen. "They took the truck

for finger printing—seems there was some damage and was used for something—police were cautious to say what—but they released the walker to us."

Heikkinen said Henry didn't fully understand what had happened but had been asking for his walker all morning.

"It's a sense of freedom for him so when we said to him it's gone he said, 'Mommy I sad,'" she said.

The family is sincerely grateful to all those who shared their story—their original Facebook post was shared more than 2,100 times.

"Thanks so much to everyone who cared and took an interest in helping our son," wrote Dustin Heikkinen. "It was very heart warming to see how many people cared."

IN BRIEF

Court date put over for man charged in murders

A Calgary man charged in the deaths of a woman and her five-year-old daughter has had his court appearance put over. Edward Downey's case was adjourned until Aug. 24, as the defence is waiting for disclosure of evidence.

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Wolf warning in effect for Banff campground

It looks like Albertans have a reason to fear the big bad wolf—a maximum penalty of \$25,000. That's what violators will be charged with under the Canada National Parks Act if they use a tent at Two Jack Campgrounds (Main and Lakeside) until further notice.

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with failing to provide the necessities of life after her 38-year old daughter Melissa was found dead in their home in April. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman facing another charge in daughter's death

A Calgary woman is facing a more serious charge in the death of her daughter. Patricia Couture was charged

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Cabs wrangling plenty of fares

TOURISM

Taxi business is up despite low numbers for Stampede

Helen Pike
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It wasn't Calgary Stampede's best year, but that didn't mean Taxi drivers suffered.

On Wednesday, the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee reviewed a presentation about how livery vehicles fared for the 2016 Stampede. And despite a 22-year attendance low for Stampede, the persistent rain proved to help Calgary cabs pick up 0.7 per

7%

Stampede's attendance was down 7 per cent from 2015 — but cabs still saw a .7 percent increase in passengers.



Calgary cabs enjoyed a dry and prosperous Stampede while picking up very wet passengers.

METRO FILE

cent more passengers than the same period in 2015.

"Taxi demand goes up with inclement weather," said Chief Livery Inspector Mario Henrique.

"Their taxi fleet had a little more capacity, because

there were fewer events happening throughout the city, so there was a focus on the Stampede grounds."

Stampede's attendance was down 7 per cent from 2015. Although events were few and

far between, taxis were still working at capacity for short periods of time.

"At the time of closing when you have 20,000 patrons leaving the Stampede grounds the taxi fleet does get to capacity,"

said Henrique. "But those cars cycle back to pick up passengers throughout the hour."

Tweaks and changes were hailed by drivers and the city as part of the reason for success. For example, the taxi stand on 12 Avenue was given a traffic boost after the city temporarily eliminated ParkPlus stalls to encourage safer and efficient traffic flow.

Roger Richard, Associated Cab owner, said it was a pretty good Stampede this year for the taxi industry and "very miserable" for the public as a whole.

"We picked up a lot of wet people over Stampede," said Richard. "We wish it would have been sunny and dry...but as far as the industry, there's no doubt we were at capacity — actually over capacity."

He said the taxi stand chan-

ges really helped, but noted the process can "never be perfect" because of the traffic volumes.

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Roger Richard, Associated Cab owner

very pleased to note that the companies that were operating as TNCs got the message out to their drivers that it wasn't an appropriate activity," said Henrique.

Two infraction tickets for street hails were, however, handed out to limousine operators.

"For us it's a safety concern, because limousines and TNCs don't require cameras; and taxis do," said Henrique.

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MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Grandparents accused of killing out on bail



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The Calgary couple accused of killing their five-year-old grandson are set to be released, according to one of their defence lawyers, after a judge granted them bail in court Wednesday afternoon.

In July, Carolina and Allan Perdomo were charged with manslaughter over the death

of Emilio Perdomo who, on July 17, 2015, died from his injuries that were caused by multiple blunt-force trauma wounds, according to Calgary police.

During court Wednesday, Judge Terry Semenuk set conditions that state the Perdomo's have no contact with each other, except through their defence lawyers to discuss family business or finances. Allan, in particular, must not have contact with his three daughters.

Allan's defence lawyer, Darren Mahoney, argued the conditions pose serious difficulties for the family.

He said he must have legal aide appoint a new translator, as Allan's daughter was their liaison. "I'm obviously happy they're granted bail," he said. "But it's going to be very difficult for them to effectively run their business."

Though Mahoney said the judge granted the order as he felt it could interfere in the administration of justice, Mahoney added the defence may have the

bail reviewed.

"Right now I feel there are grounds (for review)," he said. "It was certainly within the judge's authority to hear the submissions and make the decision he made today. He may be right, he may be wrong and we'll have to make a decision once I get instruction and assess the grounds on a more detailed basis."

Evidence presented during the hearing is currently protected by a publication ban. The case will resume August 30.

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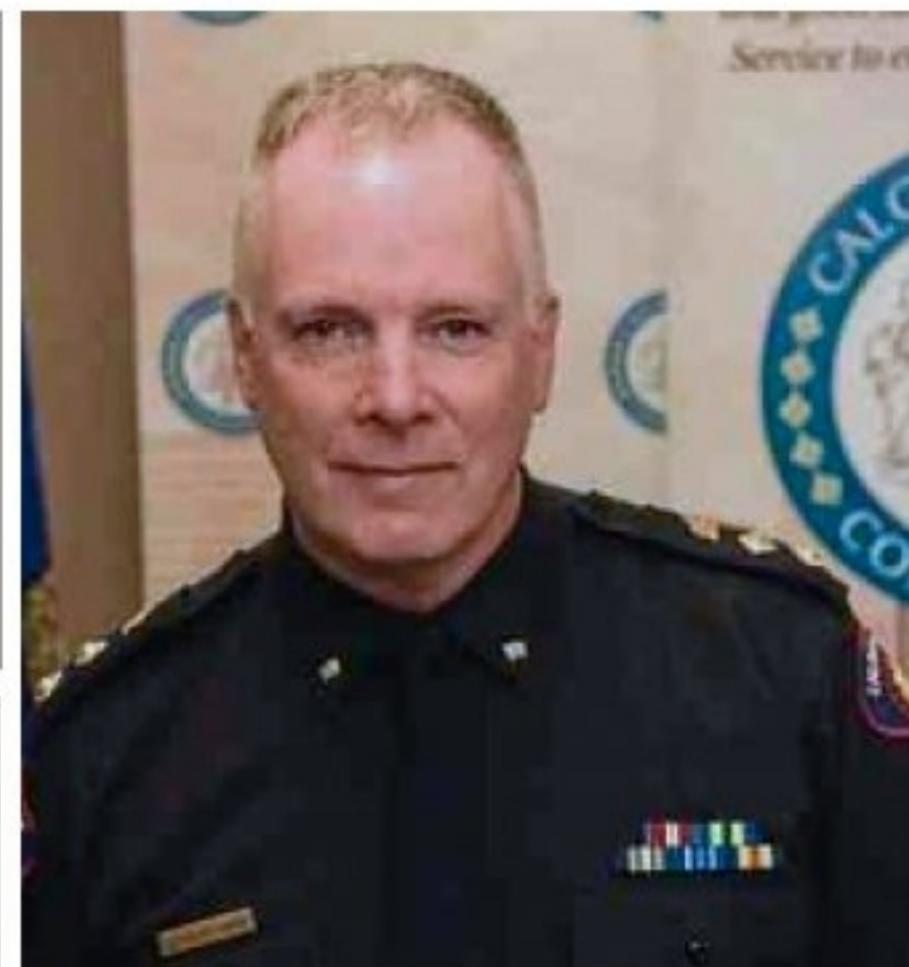
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Chief Roger Chaffin said the public is asking for increased communication when police are being investigated. METRO FILE

Dialogue hurt by watchdog group: Chief

POLICING

Community expects more information, Chaffin says


Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's police chief said now more than ever is the time to increase police transparency, but said when police are being investigated by watchdog ASIRT, he is running into barriers in communicating with the public.

Chief Roger Chaffin will be raising the issue at a meeting with other Alberta chiefs of police Thursday at their monthly meeting.

"The issue around police, use of force and their conduct calls for increased transparency," said Chaffin. "With things going on in the States and in Canada, there is a huge requirement from the community to increase communication."

Susan Hughson, executive director for the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), said ASIRT has agreements with all the policing agencies they investigate in regards to communications with the public.

"If it's an ASIRT investigation, we do restrict what they

can comment on in respect to the actual critical incident," she said.

Hughson said it's because ASIRT's primary focus is to protect the integrity of the investigation — which Chaffin agrees is important.

"Commenting publicly on something that happened can taint the information the witness may give us if we haven't talked to them," said Hughson. "We want to make sure when we put out a release we have independently verified the facts and can stand behind that information."

But, Chaffin said his biggest challenge is the implied message that because police are being investigated they won't comment further.

"I don't think as a chief you can just say, 'Trust us, it's being investigated by somebody else,'" he said.

Chaffin said he believes it makes it look as though there is a double standard when investigating police. He said CPS gives out much more information when investigating city homicides.

"Just because we're involved in the matter for some reason we have to close the doors," he said. "I respect that we have to protect the investigative integrity, but, it also tells the public that the rules are different for police — I don't think as we sit here in 2016 that's the standard the public want from police."

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Man lands pad after five years at Drop-In Centre

PUBLIC HOUSING

Neighbour welcomes him home with gifts, furniture



**Brodie
Thomas**
Metro | Calgary

For the first time in five years, Wayne turned the key to his own apartment, locking the door as he got ready to step out for groceries.

"It's been a while since I've done that," he said, stepping towards the elevator.

A lifelong Calgarian, Wayne spent most of the past five years living at the Drop-In. He got away for an eight-month stint at one point, but later returned.

"When I came back to the DI, I really thought I was going to die there. So this is just...Wow."

Although he once worked as an accountant in the oil patch and later had his own consulting company, he fell into a deep depression after losing his wife to cancer, and then his two sons — one to a car accident and the other to addiction.

Last week, Wayne was treated to a day out — first heading to Johnny's Barber + Shop to get a shave and a haircut, and then on to Laurier Lounge for a meal.

Martin Maheux, owner and chef at Laurier Lounge, heard that Wayne was moving into a downtown apartment and wanted to help out.

He surprised him Wednesday by arriving at his door with a coffee table, end tables, a chair, and a box full of plates and cutlery from his restaurant.

He also brought a microwave.

"I think he needed more than I have. It was all stuff I'm not using anymore," said Maheux.

Maheux has invited Wayne to go hiking in the mountains before the summer is out.

Wayne, who asked that we not use his last name, said he is fairly sure he'd be dead were it not for the Drop-In.

"The Drop-In Centre saved my life. I was basically non-functional. I'd been in and out of the hospital several times for depression."

Having reached age 65, he's now eligible for Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement, and that helped him secure a spot in a seniors' apartment.

He's now working part time in the Drop-In's laundry room too. His one bedroom has a small kitchen and a great view north towards the Bow River.

As grateful as he was for the Drop-In, he said there were rules there, like lights out and wake up calls. He's excited to think he'll be regaining a freedom he'd once given up on.

"This is me now," he said.



Martin Maheux, left, welcomed Wayne into his new apartment. Wayne has spent the better part of five years at Calgary's Drop-In Centre, but now has a place of his own. BRODIE THOMAS / METRO

MURDER CHARGES New judge, prosecutor brought for trial

An out-of-town judge and Crown prosecutor must be brought into a southern Alberta city due to conflict in a child murder case.

Tyler Brian Hogan made a brief appearance Wednesday in a Lethbridge courtroom on a charge of second-degree murder. Police allege he killed a nine-month-old boy, Austin Wright, who was left in his care in April.

Police said an autopsy determined the child died of blunt-force trauma.

A judge informed Hogan's lawyer, Tonii Roulston, that all judges in the region and local Courts are disqualified from hearing the case. The reason wasn't given, but radio station CJOC reports that Hogan is the son of a retired provincial court judge.

Roulston wouldn't confirm the relationship and a spokeswoman with Alberta Justice was unable to comment.

Hogan is to appear in court again on Aug. 8.

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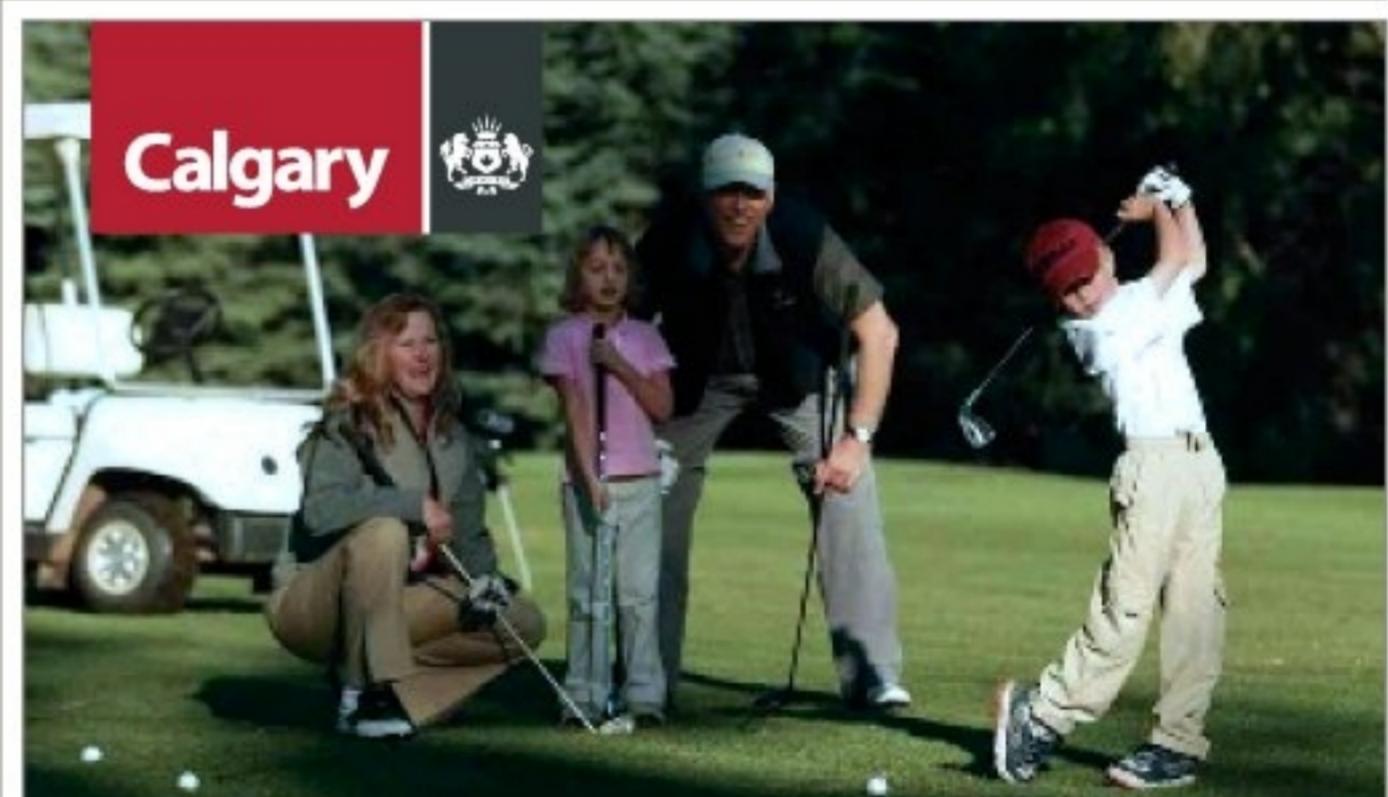
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Big guns bring the Latino heat

EXPO

El Puma among a host of stars as Expo Latino has 20th in style



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Expo Latino organizers are bringing out the big guns for their 20th festival: Latin superstar Jose Luis Rodriguez, otherwise known as El Puma, will be closing the show.

Festival director Carmen Galvez said he's like the Latino Neil Diamond. Rodriguez has appeared in telenovelas and also as a coach on the Argentine version of *The Voice*.

But on a personal level for Galvez, a dancer who helped found the festival two decades ago, the 20th Expo Latino's growth and legacy is her biggest accomplishment.

"I'm really happy to see how it's progressed," she said. "Little kids who used to come see our



Natalie Castro sings in Spanglish to reach out to both Canadian and Spanish-speaking audiences. AARON CHATHA/METRO

performances are now performing as professional artists."

She said the annual festival provides a vital link to the Latin community within Calgary.

One of this year's featured

performers is Natalie Castro, who mixes her Canadian roots with her Latin heritage by singing her songs in a combination of Spanish and English.

"I always try to sing in

Spanglish, so my audience can enjoy both languages," she laughed, shortly after sharing a unique Spanglish mix of John Legend's All of Me.

"It's an amazing way to sup-

port our art and culture. To be able to influence people to listen to a different type of music is actually beautiful. There are many kids who don't know about this kind of music."

“Little kids who used to come see our performances are now performing as artists.”

Carmen Galvez

Started by the Hispanic Arts Society to help get exposure for Latin acts in a city known predominantly for the Stampede, Expo Latino was one just a one-day event in Eau Claire Market. Now the festival spans three days and is the second largest festival held at Prince's Island Park, after the Calgary Folk Festival.

Galvez encourages first-time attendees to check out acts like Oscar Lopez, a Juno nominated guitarist, or Natalie Castro, who will perform on Saturday evening.

The three-day festival will also include dance and Capoeira workshops.

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iath as Calgary's best young soccer players travel to Michigan to compete for soccer supremacy.

Calgary Foothills Football Club is headed to Pontiac, MI to compete for the Premier Development League Championship on Saturday night. The PDL is considered the top men's amateur soccer league in North America.

Not too shabby for a team that was given a four per cent chance of winning their division

in a pre-season poll. The Calgary side won't exactly be favourites in the final either, when they face off against the top-ranked Michigan Bucks.

But head coach Tommy Wheeldon Jr. is embracing the underdog status. "I love low odds. It's something that inspires the boys ... we use that to our advantage and continue to improve," said Wheeldon Jr. He described his team as "road warriors" because of their suc-

cess away from Glenmore Athletic Park on the path to finals, which included stops in Seattle, Tuscon, and New Jersey.

One of those warriors is Calgary-native and All-League Team selection Dominic Russo, a force for the team in the playoffs.

"(Dominic) is an absolute handful, whether he is scoring goals or creating chaos," Wheeldon Jr. said about his player's ability to put pressure on the opposing team.



Calgary Foothills FC's Dominic Russo in action against Seattle Sounders FC U23 in a PDL match.
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MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Charges dropped due to vague bylaw

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Through the smoke and mirrors of Calgary's bylaws, one medical marijuana user is celebrating a small victory.

Ticketed for her medicinal marijuana use in a Calgary Transit bus shelter, Lisa "Makind" Kirkman was prepared to challenge her fines, over \$1,500 in infractions, as a Charter of Rights and Freedoms case. But after a year of fighting the write-ups, charges against her were withdrawn on Wednesday, according to her lawyer, because of a vague bylaw.

"The charges were withdrawn," said Student-at-Law Elizabeth Weisenburger. "Essentially the wording of the bylaw mostly pertained to burning pipe tobacco ... it was vague as to whether it included cannabis smoke."

Kirkman said she was charged several times within the span of a few weeks. Once with "molesting the comfort of reasonable persons," and "smoking on transit property."

"It's a little bit of mixed feelings," said Kirkman. "It's wonderful that at least I'm getting an acknowledgement. There's something wrong here if I'm continuing to get these tickets and city employees don't know what the actual law is ... however, if it had gone to court it would have set precedent everywhere, but it would also have cracked all the smoking bylaws."

Given the day, and concentration of the marijuana she's using, Kirkman has to medicate several times for her various ailments; sometimes as much as every 15 minutes. For her, the choice is to sit in pain, or light up. And in some instances she has to do so in a bus shelter — if the weather is bad.

After the proceeding, city lawyer Ola Malik, walked from

the court room to the cafeteria area, where Kirkman powered up her volcano vaporizer to show him how she medicates. He'd never seen one before.

"From my perspective, the constitutional issue comes down to recognizing that people who have been issued with a license have a right to treat their condition with medical marijuana we don't want to impede this right," said Malik. "But this right must also be balanced with the rights of the public to be free from unwanted nuisance such as having to deal with the nuisance aspect of second-hand smoke."

Kirkman's medical use is for various serious ailments, all of which have been diagnosed — but she stresses her reasons for using the drug are between her and her doctor.

"People forget this is a medicine that's not very easy to get," Kirkman said. She can't eat the cannabis, she doesn't want to stay at home all day to medicate and affordability often has her turning to the old fashioned bud.

"It's not the city's job to decide whether or not medical marijuana is a good thing," Kirkman said. "They need to accommodate my needs and recognize I'm someone with a disability that needs a particular type of therapy."



Lisa Kirkman shows how she medicates with her volcano vaporizer in the Calgary Court Center food court.
HELEN PIKE / METRO



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stops to talk with a mother and her daughter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Few moms working outside the home

ANALYSIS

Report places Canada ninth among rich countries

Fewer Canadian mothers — especially those with young children — participate in the job market compared to moms in many wealthy countries, says a newly released internal federal analysis.

The Finance Department briefing note, prepared after the Liberals took power, also

found that the workforce participation rates of Canadian mothers varied considerably depending on the province.

The document explored the link between child-care support and the involvement of women in the labour market.

It was created after last year's election campaign, during which the Liberals vowed to work with provinces, territories and indigenous communities to draw up a national framework on early learning and child care.

The Trudeau government's first spring budget committed \$500 million in 2017-18 toward

75%

Employment rate for Canadian women aged 25 to 54 years old.

the framework's creation.

The Liberals have promised the initiative would avoid a "one-size-fits-all" national program, and instead consider the approaches used by different jurisdictions across Canada to address their respective child-care needs.

The government's detailed

internal analysis, "The impact of childcare support on women's labour force participation," provides information that could add valuable context to such discussions.

Based on 2013 data, it said the employment rate for "prime-aged" Canadian women — between 25 to 54 years old — with kids younger than 15 years old was 75 per cent. That number placed Canada ninth among fellow member countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a prominent Paris-based think tank.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Man charged with threatening Trudeau

A Saskatchewan man has been charged with uttering threats against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Christopher Hayes appeared briefly in a Yorkton courtroom.

RCMP say the 41-year-old allegedly made the threats on social media. Investigators received two complaints about the threats in March and July.

Hayes was arrested Tuesday at a home in the village of Grayson, northeast of Regina.

Police say several electronics were seized from the house.

Hayes is next to appear in court in Melville on Aug. 8.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

STATEMENT

Hunter Tootoo apologizes for 'inappropriate' relationship

Nunavut MP Hunter Tootoo, who cited an alcohol problem for leaving the Liberal caucus and cabinet earlier this year, apologized Wednesday for what he called a "consensual but inappropriate" relationship with an unidentified person.

Tootoo, who declared his return to politics late last month after a two-month hiatus to seek treatment for addiction, has been at the centre of persistent rumours that he had been involved with a staff member.

He acknowledged the relationship in a videotaped statement that was delivered at the CBC's Iqaluit studios and posted to the broadcaster's regional Facebook page.

"I let my judgment be clouded and I also let alcohol take over



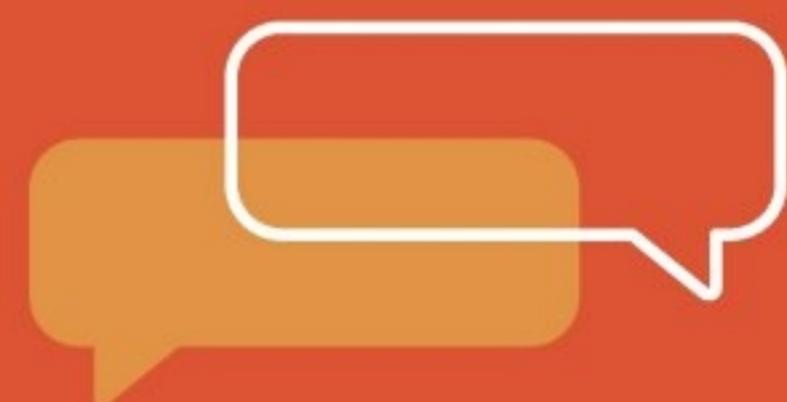
Hunter Tootoo THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

my life," Tootoo said, reading from a portfolio on his lap.

"I am ashamed and I apologize to all involved, especially the people of Nunavut. I am deeply sorry."

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NEWFOUNDLAND

Bubbles are causing troubles in the water

People have been creating elaborate bubble baths in Newfoundland waterways, and the government wants it to stop.

Photos on social media show a half-dozen young people surrounded by thick, deep bubbles in a natural pool at the bottom of a small waterfall at a park south of St. John's.

"They're having parties on the river and sometimes they just get carried away," Rod Taylor, a lead science interpreter at the Manuels River Interpretation Centre, said Wednesday. "It's frustrating, it's a real shame to see."

Eleanor Power, another interpreter at Manuels River, said people have for years tried to make bubbles in an area known as the Canyon west of St. John's, but it's happening more often and the damage is growing.

The last two weekends, she said, people have poured shampoo and bubble bath into the water, and also ripped up the boardwalk.

"They tried to use some of the boards to bar off the water, for the bubble bath they were trying to create, for that hot tub effect," she said.

She said phosphates in the soaps can hurt fish and kill smaller marine life, upsetting the river's food chain.

The centre has released a photo of six empty bottles found in the area, "very cheap bottles of dollar-store bubble soap and shampoo and actual bubble-blowing solution, like kids would use," she said.

The provincial government says the same thing has happened elsewhere — the bubble photo seen on social media was apparently taken at La Manche Provincial Park — and it is investigating and may bring charges.

"Adding soap to a waterway is not a harmless game — it is illegal and is an act of pollution," Perry Trimper, the Environment and Conservation minister, said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family of man killed by police hires lawyer

OTTAWA

Greenspon has handled high-profile cases before



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The family of Abdirahman Abdi has hired Ottawa lawyer Lawrence Greenspon to help them following the 37-year-old's fatal arrest last month in front of his Hilda Street apartment building.

"There's a whole series of different legal proceedings going on, and my role will be to assist them and give them legal advice as we work through that. It's probably something that will take months if not years," said Greenspon.

The family retained Greenspon, a lawyer who has handled many high-profile cases in Ottawa, last Wednesday.

He said any formal legal proceedings will have to wait until the SIU completes its investigation and makes a decision about whether to recommend criminal charges.

If the SIU absolves the police officers involved, Greenspon said there will likely be a coroner's inquest and the prospect of a lawsuit that would target the two officers and the Ottawa Police Services Board.

"I've represented bereaved families many times before," he said. "The thing that most people don't appreciate is how strong the need to know is on the part of the family. They need to know all the details and they have lots of questions. Those details are not forthcoming right now, and won't be for at least a matter of months."



Lawyer Lawrence Greenspon, who is representing the family of Abdirahman Abdi, the 37-year-old Ottawa man who died following an encounter with Ottawa police.

TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lawrence Greenspon

were told an autopsy report may not be available for three to six months.

"The reason for that is quite apart from the external examination that they do, they also have to do tissue analysis and a number of other tests as part of the post-mortem examination," he said. "So I don't think the SIU investigation will come to any conclusions until that happens."

After Abdi's death, the family launched a GoFundMe page to pay for funeral expenses, which raised over \$10,000. That turned into a legal fund when the Ottawa Muslim Association offered to cover funeral costs.

Abdi died after police were called to handle a "disturbance" at a local coffee shop. Police followed him on foot and witnesses say he was beaten with batons and pepper-sprayed in a scene they have described as "shocking" and "disturbing."

Greenspon said the family has seen the surveillance tape from inside the building that captured the arrest, but he has been asked by the family not to describe the contents.

"They do not want the building security tape released at this time. That may change, but at this time they don't want it to be released," he said.

Greenspon said the family met with a pathologist and SIU investigators for two hours and

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France ups security on land and sea

EUROPE

Military begins airdropping gendarmes on Channel ferries

France is bolstering its security on land and at sea in the face of attack threats, and has started airdropping armed military officers from a helicopter onto ferries crossing the English Channel.

Other sea routes, including across the Mediterranean, are also being secured, Lieut. Pierre Joachim Antona, spokesman for the local maritime authority in Cherbourg said Wednesday.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve reiterated the need for increased security on land, especially in the summer season which is at its height in August when numerous festivals are held. Some have been cancelled, including major events in Marseille and Nice.

"Our objective is to ensure and guarantee a high-level presence and a high level of security during the summer period," Cazeneuve said after a Defence Council meeting, a regular event since the July 14 truck attack in Nice that killed 84 people who were celebrating France's national day. Less than two weeks later, two extremists murdered a priest in his Normandy church during mass.

The minister said that 12,500 reservists have joined police forces to support extra security measures. The 10,000-strong Sentinel Operation of soldiers will continue to patrol French streets and sensitive sites like airports and train stations.

On Monday afternoon, hundreds of passengers aboard the Mont-Saint-Michel ferry between Britain and France may have been stunned to see a French military helicopter airdrop a group of armed and fully-uniformed maritime gendarmes onto their vessel for the first such "securing and protecting mission" in the English Channel.

Antona, of the Maritime Prefecture in Cherbourg, France, said the airdrop took place when the ferry entered French waters from the southern English port of Portsmouth on its way to the Normandy port of Caen.

The missions only involve French ferries sailing in French waters until an agreement under discussion with British authorities is signed, "possibly within weeks," Antona said. Such an agreement would allow French military officers to board ferries directly from English ports.

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London has also put more armed officers on its streets.

KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

IN BRIEF

Florida offers free Zika test kits for pregnant women

Florida Gov. Rick Scott says pregnant women statewide can get a free Zika test to determine whether they've been infected with the mosquito-borne virus.

Scott directed state health officials Wednesday to make the tests available at county health departments and also said the state would provide additional lab services to handle the expected increase to ensure test results are processed quickly.

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Bear goes for a stinky ride

A New Mexico bear hitched a ride on top of a garbage truck, travelling at least 5 miles on the vehicle before it was able to make its escape up a tree.

Santa Fe National Forest spokeswoman Julie Anne Overton says the driver was picking up a dumpster last week when he heard a squeal then realized the bear was on top of the truck. It rode atop the vehicle to a site where the Forest Service keeps a firefighting helicopter.



CYPRUS PROTESTS IN THE NORTH Turkish Cypriots protest in the Turkish-controlled northern part of ethnically divided Cyprus' capital Nicosia against what they say is Turkey's attempt to mold their secular culture into one that's more in tune with Islamic norms, on Wednesday. Some 1,500 people gathered in front of the Turkish Cypriot parliament. PHILIPPOS CHRISTOU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Republican frustrations mount as Trump spins out

CAMPAIGN

Poll numbers, morale sinking in recent spate of offences

Their party in crisis, Republicans' frustration with Donald Trump reached new heights on Wednesday as party leaders on Capitol Hill and inside New York's Trump Tower scrambled to persuade their presidential nominee to abandon divisive tactics that have triggered sinking poll numbers and low morale.

Party chairman Reince Priebus appealed to the New York billionaire's adult children to help amid new signs of a campaign in trouble.

Trump's operation has been beset by internal discord, including growing concern about general election preparedness and a lack of support from Republican leaders, according to two people familiar with the organization's inner workings.

One of the people said Trump privately blames his own staff for failing to quiet the backlash from his own party after he criticized an American Muslim family whose son, a U.S. Army captain, was killed in Iraq.

The inner tension comes as Priebus and a handful of high-profile Trump allies consider whether to confront the candidate directly to encourage a new approach following a series of startling stances and statements.

In the midst of the uproar over his continued criticism



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump arrives for a campaign town hall at Ocean Center, Wednesday, in Daytona Beach, Fla. AP PHOTO/EVAN VUCCI



Wouldn't that be embarrassing to lose to crooked Hillary Clinton? That would be terrible.

Donald Trump

of the Khan family, Trump infuriated Priebus and other party leaders by refusing to endorse GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan's re-election.

The officials, including one with direct knowledge of Priebus' thinking, were granted anonymity to discuss internal strategy after one of the most tumultuous weeks of Trump's presidential campaign.

Trump on Wednesday dis-

missed suggestions that the GOP frustration was hurting his campaign, even as he openly contemplated an Election Day loss.

"Wouldn't that be embarrassing to lose to crooked Hillary Clinton? That would be terrible," he said during a campaign stop in battleground Florida. He also insisted, "We've never been this united."

Trump blamed the media — "so dishonest" — for growing criticism of his recent statements and his unwillingness to accept guidance from senior advisers.

Privately, however, Trump has concerns about his own team. He was deeply upset when GOP leaders "took the other side" during his ongoing quarrel with the Khan family, one person said. Another person said Trump is irritated that general election planning in battleground states isn't further along with less than 100 days until Election Day.

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RESIGNATION

A Georgia Republican resigned Wednesday from his role as an elector, hours after saying he can't vote for GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump and may not support him as a member of the electoral college.

Baoky Vu said in a joint statement with the Georgia Republican Party that his comments on Trump would be "detrimental" to the party.

OUTSOURCING

Clinton swings at 'Made in USA' claim

Hillary Clinton is criticizing Donald Trump's use of outsourcing at his companies, part of an effort to undercut the business record that has formed the basis of his presidential pitch.

"What kind of man does business by hurting other people? I am just so determined that we are not going to let him do to America what he has done to small business," she told several thousand people gathered at a high school gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon.

Clinton highlighted Trump's use of outsourcing to manufacture some of his branded products, arguing he's profited from the same foreign labour he now blames for killing U.S. jobs.

Most of Trump's branded neckties, shirts and suits are made abroad, in China and Bangladesh, as are the bulk of the products sold by his daughter, Ivanka.

Even his campaign hats, which say they are "Made in the USA," are not entirely made domestically, according to an Associated Press analysis.

"He said: 'Well, we don't make that stuff in America. I'm here to tell you Donald, you're wrong,'" said Clinton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hillary Clinton

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TECHNOLOGY

Instagram unveils abuse filter



Rebecca Williams
Metro | Toronto

Instagram may be getting flak for "pulling a Melania Trump" with its "stories" option, but another feature rolled out by the platform is attracting some more positive attention.

As announced last week by The Washington Post, Instagram has been working on a feature that would allow users to filter out comments

they deem negative.

That filter has now been made available to some accounts, mostly celebrities, including Chrissy Teigen. The model shared an image online of her showing the words she had chosen to filter, some funny (Trump) and others not so much (slut).

"Our goal is to make Instagram a friendly, fun and, most importantly, safe place for self expression," Instagram's head of public policy, Nicky Jackson Colaco, told the Post.



Chrissy Teigen RACHEL MURRAY/
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IN BRIEF

Woman killed, five injured in London knife attack

A woman has died and five others were injured in a knife attack in a central part of London, the police said Thursday.

A statement from the London Metropolitan Police said the attack happened late Wednesday in Russell Square, which is near the British Museum. The statement said one man was arrested, and that a police officer had used a Taser stun gun. Police said that terrorism was a possible motive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane heads for Belize

Earl strengthened into a hurricane Wednesday and roared toward a nighttime landfall in the Caribbean nation of Belize as it brushed by Honduras, leaving felled trees and power lines in its wake.

The storm dumped rain on nearly all of Honduras, where officials reported a lobster fishing boat was hit by a large wave in the Caribbean and capsized. Most of the 83 people on board were rescued, but the navy was looking for two missing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All 300 aboard Dubai airliner survive crash

All 300 people aboard an Emirates airliner survived a crash landing in Dubai Wednesday, scrambling down emergency slides before flames consumed the plane in an accident that halted flights for hours at the world's third-busiest airport. One firefighter was killed battling the blaze. The incident was the most serious for Emirates, which has grown at a breakneck pace over the last three decades and turned Dubai into a major international air hub. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bridget Tolley, whose mother Gladys was killed in 2001, is embraced after the announcement of the inquiry into murdered and missing indigenous women in Gatineau, Que. on Wednesday.

PHOTOS: JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The commissioners: Who they are

Marion Buller

Buller will serve as chief commissioner. In 1994, Buller was named the first female First Nations judge in British Columbia. She has worked as a civil and criminal lawyer. She is a band member of the Mistawasis First Nation in Saskatchewan.

Michèle Audette

Audette is a former president of the Quebec Native Women's Association and served as deputy minister of the Secretariat of the Status of Women in Quebec. The Innu speaker was born in the Innu community of Mani Utenam in Quebec.

Qajaq Robinson

Born in Iqaluit, Robinson studied law, clerked with judges at the Nunavut Court of Justice and

worked as a crown prosecutor in the territory for four years. She is currently an associate with an Ottawa law firm doing work for First Nations communities.

Marilyn Poitras

Poitras is an assistant professor in the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan after legal studies that took her to Harvard. She has an expertise in constitutional and aboriginal law.

Brian Eyolfson

Eyolfson, currently deputy director in the legal services branch of Ontario's Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, has previously served as staff lawyer with Toronto's Aboriginal Legal Services, where he appeared at the Ipperwash Inquiry. SOURCE: INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA



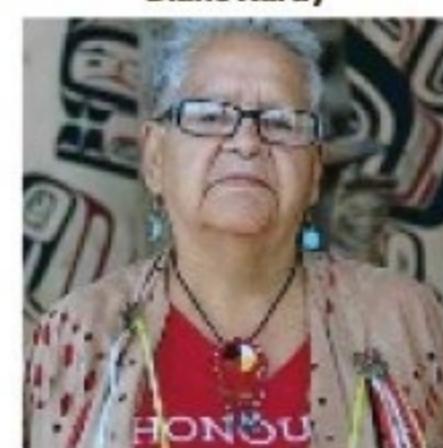
From left, commissioners Buller, Robinson, Poitras, Audette and Eyolfson listen during the announcement of the inquiry.

FAMILIES OF VICTIMS SPEAK

Emotional tales mark launch of inquiry

On Wednesday, the federal government revealed details of its promised inquiry into missing and murdered women. Here are a few stories from families and friends who lost loved ones:

Diane Hardy



A lot of people say it (the pain) goes away but it doesn't.

Fifty years ago this month, Doreen Hardy's body was found outside of Thunder Bay. Her sister, Diane Hardy, said there is "no justice, no closure to this. Nothing."

Doreen's murder remains unsolved. She was last seen getting into a late model Oldsmobile along with Jane Bernard, who was also found dead and whose

Mandate for inquiry revealed

JUSTICE

Indigenous female judge to lead long-awaited probe

Families who believe investigators gave short shrift to their lost loved ones cases hope to have a second chance at justice as the next phase in the national inquiry into murdered and missing indigenous women and girls begins.

Canada's first indigenous attorney general, Jody Wilson-Raybould, said the five-person commission can recommend to law enforcement that a criminal investigation be launched.

There is flexibility, under the inquiry's mandate, for the commissioners, led by B.C. indigenous judge Marion Buller, to figure out how justice can be achieved for the families, said Wilson-Raybould, a former B.C. regional chief of the Assembly of First

Nations and a member of the We Wai Kai Nation.

"But it also speaks to their ability in hearing the lived experiences of the families and the survivors, the ability to refer specific cases to the appropriate authorities, be it the police or the attorneys general of the provinces or territories, referring the case in terms where there may be the need for more investigations or more findings," said Wilson-Raybould.

Witnesses can be compelled to testify before the inquiry and to summon all documents needed, Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett said. However, the inquiry does not have power to conduct its own criminal investigation. Cases must be referred to the police for that to happen, she said.

"The families who feel the death of their loved ones were called a suicide or an accident or an overdose as opposed to a murder, those patterns are the kinds of things the commissioners will have to look into," Ben-

nett told a press conference at the Canadian Museum of History on Wednesday.

Now there is some opportunity and hope to end that violence in our communities

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde

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Some families are upset, however, that the inquiry was not given the teeth needed to re-open cases.

"This is the problem. Families wanted inquiry to re-open," indigenous activist and lawyer Pam Palmater told the Star via Twitter, referring to sending cases back to provincial or territorial authorities. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

murder also remains unsolved. "Everyone in my family is all over 65 now. It gets hard. A lot of people say it (the pain) goes away but it doesn't," said Hardy, who was one of three female drummers from Thunder Bay who opened the ceremony at the Museum of History.

Sharon Johnson



If we never lost Sandra that way, maybe our lives would be in a better place.

Sharon Johnson's sister Sandra, 18, was found in Feb. 1992 on a frozen Thunder Bay waterway by a man walking his dog.

"As I was listening to everyone talking, it is kind of like their

voices were fading away. My own thoughts were flooding in about all the hurt and everything I have seen over the years. If we never lost Sandra that way, maybe our lives would be in a better place," Johnson said.

She wore a T-shirt bearing sister's image to the inquiry's launch on Wednesday. "Even though we don't know who was responsible for Sandra's death, being here and being a part of this, hearing what was said here today, it kind of feels like a little bit of closure, I guess. But I don't know what that feels like."

Bridget Tolley

"We want our cases looked at. We want justice," an emotional Tolley said as she clutched a large photo of her mother.

"We want to bring home our missing. We want to solve the unsolved," she said.

Denise Maloney-Pictou



We want to bring home our missing. We want to solve the unsolved.

This is a historic day.

Denise Maloney-Pictou's mother, Annie Mae Pictou, was found dead in 1976 along the edge of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She was an activist and leader in the American Indian Movement.

"This is a historic day," Maloney-Pictou said, acknowledging the families of murdered and missing women were supportive of this next phase of the inquiry. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'We feel like we're ignored'

MMIW

Missing girl's mother hopes inquiry repairs police practices

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Mavin Crowchild wakes up every morning wondering about her daughter, Rhonda Running Bird, an indigenous woman who went missing more than two decades ago.

"I know she was killed," Crowchild said in her living room, looking off to the side. "But they never found her."

On Wednesday, the federal government launched its inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, aiming to explore the systemic causes of such violence by analyzing all socioeconomic factors.

Running Bird, 25 at the time, went missing in 1995 when she went on a hunting trip in Swan Lake with her baby boy, common-law husband and a female relative when their truck got stuck.

It's believed she and her common-law husband left the truck that night, walking different directions to look for help.

She never returned.

"I've waited 21 years with no answers," Crowchild said softly. "I couldn't take it. She was my only daughter."

The inquiry will examine police practices and attitudes, child welfare and other social policies.

The biggest complaint by victims, like Crowchild, is that there is hardly any communication between them and investigators.



Alex Crowchild, left, and Mavin Crowchild want answers into the case of Mavin's daughter, Rhonda Running Bird. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

"We feel like we're ignored," she said. "But we're not the only ones. I find that a lot of native girls are put on a shelf."

Crowchild's husband, Alex, agreed. He said Mavis has been suffering for far too long.

"All I'd like to see is a call," he said, occasionally wiping a tear from his eye. "Even if they don't have any answers, it would be nice to at least know that."

"She's upset when she sees other mothers embrace their daughters. She has no place to visit Rhonda, not even a gravesite.

"She's strong to keep going, and I support her the best I can."

RCMP declined to comment on Running Bird's case because they don't want to show prejudice as the inquiry into mis-

I find that a lot of native girls are put on a shelf.

Mavin Crowchild

sing and murdered indigenous women continues up until Dec. 31, 2018.

Running Bird was a good

mom, Mavis said.

"She was very educated," she said. "She was on no drugs or whatever."

But she still faced abuse from her partner, she added.

"He was addicted, and it's all he knew."

The light, though tiny, for Mavis was raising her grandchildren.

"There was some comfort," she said. "The girl resembled her mom. She helped me heal be-

cause she was with me. I knew a part of Rhonda was with us."

"It was heartbreaking to see them go, but we still keep in touch."

Though Mavin said she's lost all hope in ever finding answers, she wants to see a change in police behaviour towards indigenous women.

"The kids are orphans in all of this," she said. "I know I will never get answers, but at least some other women will."

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KEY FIGURES OF THE INQUIRY:

1,181

The number of aboriginal women and girls who have died in the last several decades.

The length of time the inquiry has to complete its work. The commissioners will start Sept. 1 and the government wants a final report with recommendations and conclusions by Nov. 1, 2018. An interim report is due by Nov. 1, 2017.

26 months

\$14 million

The amount the cost of the inquiry has jumped by. The government earmarked \$40 million in the budget for the investigation but announced on Wednesday that after initial consultations on how the inquiry should work, it's boosted the budget by \$13.8 million. As well, the government will spend a further \$16 million on additional support for the families and friends who lost loved ones.

**Up to
\$205,500**

The amount each of the inquiry's four commissioners will be paid. Chief commissioner Marion Buller will be paid between \$230,800 and \$271,500.

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Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Thursday, August 4, 2016

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON WHY THE MMIW INQUIRY MATTERS

What we know about the problem is not nearly detailed enough. This independent inquiry is designed to provide the fullest picture possible, in the greatest detail. Action requires specificity.

It will be a two-year foray into one of our country's darkest shames.

The launch of the long-promised inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls was a powerful moment for many, and a pivotal announcement.

One with the potential to change Canada.

This inquiry is the right move for grieving families. Fundamentally, it's not about what white Canadians want (though we stand to greatly benefit). It's about what indigenous families, communities and politicians are demanding.

As Manitoba NDP MLA Nahnani Fontaine told the CBC: "This journey for some families started 30 years ago, so for today to actually occur is first and foremost a testament of families' resiliency and determination and courage."

Even so, critics argue, this inquiry is a waste of time and money because what we need now — what indigenous Canadians deserve — is action.

We already know the root causes of violence against indigenous women and girls, they argue. We already know about the devastating rates of poverty, suicide, incarceration, children in government care, sexual violence, third-world living conditions and poor education outcomes that indigenous Canadians face.

Some, including Kyle Keatch, whose sister Amber Guiboché went missing in 2011, suspect one grand PR move on the part of the Liberals, where action should be.

I disagree on all fronts.

Mainstream Canada has looked the other way while indigenous women have been murdered.

To begin with, if this country already had everything it needed to repair relations with indigenous Canadians and offer fairness, justice and equality, we'd be doing it. Where governments are concerned, action is not born of facts. It's not always born of necessity. It can come long after it was due. It can seem to never arrive.

There are two plausible

indigenous commissioners — is designed to collect data and information in an unbiased fashion. To hear stories as yet untold. To offer the fullest picture possible in the greatest detail.

This is important because action requires specificity. You can't say you're going to fight racism in the police force, for example, and leave it at that.



VICTIMS' FAMILIES TO THE FRONT Lorelei Williams holds an eagle feather as she wears a T-shirt with pictures of her cousin Tanya Holyk and aunt Belinda William during the missing and murdered women inquiry announcement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

reasons why this called-for "action" — amorphous and rarely well defined by many critics — hasn't been taken. One is that we have been indifferent. The second is that what we know about the problem is not nearly detailed enough. And if we believe, as we should, the families of victims, both are true.

The data collected and published by the RCMP has proved suspect. A Toronto Star investigation into missing and murdered indigenous women and girls found data that conflicted with the RCMP's public report, raised questions about how cases were categorized and drew suspicion over redactions in the released information. This independent inquiry — consisting of an indigenous chairwoman and four other

You need to understand how that racism functions in order to design a plan to remove it. You need to understand how sexism is perpetuated in communities and government agencies in order to address it. Yes, the problems for indigenous Canadians in broad strokes are well known. But their intricacies have been roundly ignored.

Even if this were not the case — even if we already knew all that we needed to — the public will to change the fate of indigenous Canadians has been lacking. Safe in our more comfortable lives, unaffected by racism and the effects of the Indian Act and residential schools, mainstream Canada has looked the other way while indigenous women



have been murdered at a rate 4.5 times higher than the general female population. This inquiry could change that.

We know the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has already begun to. Polls show it has improved mainstream Canadian sentiment and sympathy toward indigenous peoples.

Any real action will require that sentiment, because it will require sacrifice from all of us. It could demand money, land, resources, rising taxes. This inquiry could build more appetite for the substantial collective effort that will truly bring change.

Finally, this inquiry, along with the TRC, could offer indigenous Canadians something that's been lost for more than a century: some level of trust in our governments, and some level of faith in the joint experiment that is our society. That is why all still basking in colonialism's benefits must grip it and wring it and demand of it every last ounce of insight and compassion.

As for where this commission may fall short, and where it may fail: I'd listen to any criticism from any family member of a missing or murdered indigenous woman, or any critic inside the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Women's Association of Canada, or other indigenous political, grassroots or community organizations, or any indigenous Canadian.

Everyone else: I don't care if you think it's a waste of time and money. The status quo is a devastating waste of lives.

Proof of the inquiry's effectiveness for families will lie in what ought to come after the report is published: dramatic improvement to indigenous women's lives and fulsome efforts to solve their deaths and disappearances.

But it takes blind privilege to believe nothing meaningful can be learned from the voices of the oppressed.

5 Things to know about the inquiry

1 It's already over budget

The federal government had originally budgeted \$40 million for the inquiry over the next two years. The federal government disclosed Wednesday the commission will need more money to fulfil its mandate. Some critics say they fear the final price tag could end up being even higher than \$53.8 million.



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2 There's money for victims services

\$16.2 million over the next four years goes toward victims services and to create liaison units to assist families. The measures are designed to ensure families feel connected to the inquiry process as it proceeds.



3 Indigenous leaders hold the cards

It will be up to indigenous leaders to work with commissioners. Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde said he's confident the chiefs will be willing partners.

4 The final report will be non-binding

While they will be able to compel witnesses during their work, as stipulated in the Inquiries Act, they will not be able to force governments to comply with their findings.



5 The timeline is flexible

Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett has stressed the need for the inquiry to be done properly, meaning the commissioners might be given longer than two years to finish their work.



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It started off innocently enough, but now that the clenched-fist Arthur meme has turned explicit, the show's network says it's 'disappointed'

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Maybe she's born with it, maybe it's microblading



It's not just celebrities putting a lot of effort into their brows: sales of eyebrow makeup grew by 42 per cent in Canada in 2015, according research firm NPD Group. Can you name these famous eyebrows? Clockwise from top left: Emily Ratajkowski, Sabrina Carpenter, Priyanka Chopra, Chloe Moretz, Hawa Diawara, Amanda Peet, Kylie Jenner, Cara Delevingne. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

STYLE TREND

How eyebrows became the most important beauty canvas

Genna Buck
Metro Canada



Don't look so surprised.

Seriously, don't. Plucked, highly arched eyebrows are a beauty faux pas now. They've

been replaced with a perfectly sculpted, full and natural look.

As one salty Internet meme scolds: "Don't let anybody with bad eyebrows tell you sh-t about life."

Putting aside the harms inherent in unattainable beauty standards, when did eyebrows become so important? Recently, it seems.

According to the market research firm NPD Group, sales of eyebrow makeup grew by 42 per cent in Canada in 2015, handily outperforming the 18 per cent growth in makeup sales overall.

It's not just pencils anymore:

Eyebrow gels, tints, and powders and the services proffered by "brow bars" — beauty salons that focus mostly or entirely on eyebrows — are booming too.

One such growing business is Winnipeg's Brows by G, which specializes in microblading, a type of semi-permanent cosmetic tattooing sometimes called "eyebrow embroidery" that has taken off in the last few years.

The owner, Giovanna Minenna, spends much of her time teaching other beauty professionals how to do the sought-after service.

The women driving the boom,

explained Cara Dveris, Brows by G's studio manager, have serious eyebrow regret.

In the 1970s, '80s and '90s, everyone had that really thin brow," she said. "We're getting a lot of clients in their 50s and 60s now who over-plucked back in the day. And their hair never grew back."

Priyanka Jain, a 31-year-old public health specialist who drives 40 km from Toronto to see her trusted "eyebrow lady" in Oakville, Ont., suggested another reason for the eyebrow explosion: The growth and influence of communities where eyebrows

have long been a cornerstone of many women's beauty routine.

"It's a new cultural phenomenon in terms of the mainstream, but if you were a South Asian girl growing up, you've been doing your eyebrows for a very long time," she said.

"When I go to a new city, it's the first thing I ask a friend: 'Where do you get your eyebrows threaded?'"

Jain is one of those consumers clamoring for eyebrow makeup.

"When I fill in my eyebrows, I get so many compliments. People go 'Wow.' I look like I'm put together."

Claudia Coelho, a Toronto-based freelance makeup artist, attributes society's growing fascination with eyebrows in part to U.K. actor Cara Delevingne, who "put the big, bold brows on the map."

In her business, "When it comes to bridal, beauty and prom clients, it's definitely all about the brows," she said. "It's definitely social media driving it."

Beauty gurus on YouTube and Instagram have elevated eyebrow sculpting (and makeup in general) to a hobby, even an art form, she explained: "It's just a different canvas."

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Below Her Mouth, a lesbian love story shot in Toronto, has been given a TIFF premiere spot. CONTRIBUTED

Passion, violence at TIFF

CANADIAN LINEUP

Toronto-shot lesbian love story gets fest premiere

Director April Mullen's "bold, uninhibited" lesbian love story *Below Her Mouth*, shot last fall in Toronto using an all-female crew, will have its world premiere at TIFF in September.

Written by Stephanie Fabrizi, the drama stars Canadian actress Natalie Krill as Jasmine and Swedish gender-bending model Erika Linder as Dallas, in the story of two Toronto women caught up in a passionate love affair that changes both their lives.

"We think the world is ready

for this love story," said producer Melissa Coghlan, who describes the drama as "a mainstream film where the two characters falling in love just happen to be women."

The film also pays homage to Toronto by showcasing the city, Coghlan said, adding the TIFF premiere slot was "our dream" for the filmmakers.

Below Her Mouth will be in the areas around Valentine's Day.

TIFF announced its slate of Canadian films, screening in a variety of programs at the Sept. 8-18 festival, on Wednesday.

Also making its world debut is Deepa Mehta's drama *Anatomy of Violence*, based on the 2012 fatal gang rape of a 23-year-old woman on a New Delhi bus.

Matt Johnson's and Jay McCarroll's *Nirvana the Band* the

Show, which screens in the return of the festival's TV-based Primetime program and Bruce McDonald's 1976-set black-and-white *Weirdos*, about a teen runaway and his girlfriend hitting the road in Nova Scotia, will have World Premieres at TIFF.

Also in the Canadian lineup are documentaries about legendary actor Gordon Pinsent (*The River of My Dreams*, directed by Brigitte Berman), government manipulation of the internet (*Black Code*, directed by Nicholas de Pencier), basketball dreams in Africa (*Hubert Davis's Giants of Africa*) and the unlikely journey of Sunny Leone, raised in a strict Sikh home in Sarnia, who went from adult films to Bollywood success (*Mostly Sunny* directed by Dilip Mehta).

Fred Peabody's doc *All Governments Lie: Truth, Deception and the Spirit of I.F. Stone* explores how investigative journalists like Glenn Greenwald are changing the news business by breaking global stories outside mainstream media.

Alanis Obomsawin's documentary about the court challenge over the quality of child and family welfare services for First Nations children, *We Can't Make the Same Mistake Twice*, has its World Premiere in the Masters program.

Festivalgoers will also be able to see the North American premieres of films from Xavier Dolan (*It's Only the End of the World*), Nathan Morlando (*Mean Dreams*) and Kim Nguyen (*Two Lovers and a Bear*).

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Comedy tackles racism in the U.S.



The racism seminar in *Superstore* is a micro event for the macro things happening across the U.S. today. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: *Superstore*, Season 1, Episode 3 (Global/NBC)

THE MOMENT: The racism seminar

"I helped that lady because she was old, not because she was white," Jonah says.

"Ageism is just as racist as racism," says Mateo, who dislikes Jonah.

"Are racist jokes OK again?" asks Dina (Lauren Ash). "Did you hear the one about the Jewish bird?"

Showrunner Justin Spitzer previously wrote for *The Office*, so workplace-comedy comparisons are inevitable. The overlapping quips, and Amy and Jonah's will-they-won't-they attraction, feel familiar. But while the earlier series explored the minutiae of behavior among people trapped in dull jobs — small things writ large — this new one cracks the world open. It's big stuff — immigration, ethnic tension, corporate greed — writ funny.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Location and transit

Shopping, parks, paths, ponds, mountain views, future schools; Walden Place has it all plus easy access to major roads including McLeod Trail, Deerfoot Trail and Stony Trail. The C-train is also accessible with several bus routes as well.

In the neighbourhood

Walden Place is conveniently located a short walk from a pond, pathways, a natural park and walking trails as well as a future ball diamond, soccer fields and a future school. It's close to several golf courses as well as shopping, restaurants and more.

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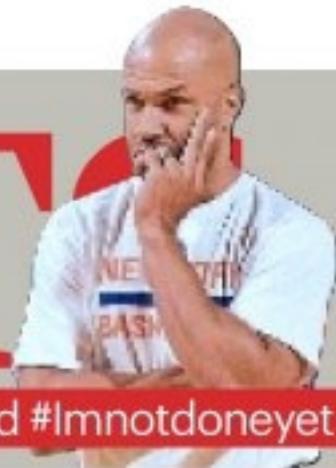


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Ex-Knicks coach Derek Fisher hinted he's considering a return to playing after posting a workout video labeled #Imnotdoneyet

Stampeders wary of Riders rising up

CFL

Saskatchewan in poor form but Smith not taking it easy

Brandon Smith isn't looking at the Saskatchewan Roughriders' record.

The West Division-leading Calgary Stampeders (3-1-1) host the Riders (1-4) at McMahon Stadium on Thursday night. And although Saskatchewan is coming off a 41-3 road loss to Montreal, Smith has a healthy respect for his divisional rival.

"You can't look at records in this league," said Smith. "Records don't show the talent and the way the team plays."

"Anybody can be a couple plays away from being 5-0 and anyone can be a couple plays away from being 0-5. We can't sit back and look at their record and dwell on what's happened in the past. They're getting better just as well as we're getting better."

Calgary is riding high following a 44-41 overtime win over the B.C. Lions last week. Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was named one of the league's players of the week after completing 29-of-44 passes for 364 yards and three touchdowns versus the Lions.

And Mitchell expects Chris Jones, the Riders head coach/GM, to have his team prepared



The Stampeders will welcome the 1-4 Roughriders on Thursday after topping the B.C. Lions 44-41 in overtime on Friday night. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to face the Stampeders.

"To me, they've got a great coach," said Mitchell. "I don't care what they looked like in the past and what they looked like last game."

"They can come out and be the hottest team in the league with a coach like that. We've got to make sure that we don't tread lightly at all."

Saskatchewan will also have its offensive leader back. Quarterback Darian Durant will start after missing two games with a sprained ankle.

"I've been in this league a

long time," said Durant. "I've seen teams go 0-5 and win Grey Cups. At the end of the day, this is a long season. There's no such thing as a season being over in August."

Jones wants the Riders to forget about last week's loss and concentrate on a Stampeders' squad riding a four-game unbeaten streak.

"We stumbled and stubbed our toe last week," said Jones. "We've put that game behind us and it's time to focus on a very good Calgary team."

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RIDERS FINED

The CFL fined the Saskatchewan Roughriders \$15,000 for a roster violation during their July 16 game versus the B.C. Lions. The league found the Riders didn't have enough Canadians on the field. CFL teams must start at least seven Canadians each contest and specify where they play.

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NFL

Thomas gets good news on his granny

Demaryius Thomas used the Denver Broncos' celebratory White House visit in June to deliver a handwritten note to U.S. President Barack Obama thanking him for commuting Thomas' mother's drug sentence last year and then asked him to do the same for his grandmother.

The Broncos wide receiver is ready to pen another thank you note after he was told the president fulfilled his wish. Minnie Pearl Thomas was among 214 federal inmates whose sen-



Demaryius Thomas
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tences were cut short Wednesday by Obama.

"I'm kind of jacked up right now. I don't really know what to say," Thomas said after the Broncos' morning workout.

"I kind of just want to talk to my granny. I haven't talked to her in a couple of weeks. I'm

excited for her."

Thomas' grandmother, who was serving life for a drug offence, is to be released on Dec. 1.

Last year, Obama commuted the sentence of Thomas' mother, Katina Smith, as part of his push to reduce the prison population of non-violent drug offenders. She was in attendance when the Broncos defeated Carolina 24-10 in Super Bowl 50, and she was on Thomas' mind when Obama hosted the champions in June.

After briefly talking with the

president, Thomas had a sense his grandmother had a chance to have her sentence shortened.

"I still remember when we were at the White House, I was talking about my mom and I was saying thank you," Thomas said. "The fact that he mentioned my grandmother, I knew something was going to happen."

Smith was convicted on drug trafficking charges for her role in a crack cocaine ring she and her mother operated out of a Georgia home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Gausman finishes top in Hamels duel

Kevin Gausman outpitched Cole Hamels, and the Baltimore Orioles rode a three-run first inning to a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Matt Wieters had two RBIs for the AL East-leading Orioles, whose 39-16 record at home is the best in the majors. Baltimore will seek to complete a three-game sweep on Thursday in a series between first-place teams.

Gausman (3-8) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings, striking out seven and walking one. The right-hander had won only two of his 18 starts this season and was com-

ing off a horrid outing in which he allowed three homers and six runs over three innings at Toronto.

Darren O'Day worked a perfect eighth and Zach Britton finished for his 33rd save in 33 tries.

Hamels (12-3) yielded three runs and three hits in a rocky first inning, but then proceeded to retire 13 of the next 14 batters without allowing a hit. The lefty gave up three runs, four hits and four walks over seven innings.

He was 7-1 in his previous 11 starts and 3-0 with a 0.84 ERA since the All-Star break.

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MLB

Kershaw's return pushed back again

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw, sidelined since late June with a herniated disc in his back, was moved to the 60-day disabled list on Wednesday.

That means the 28-year-old won't be able to return until Aug. 27, at the earliest.

Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said the three-time Cy Young winner hasn't participated in any baseball activity since he suffered a setback in a simulated game July 16.

"He has not thrown, he has not played catch, he has not picked up a baseball," Roberts said before the Dodgers faced

the Colorado Rockies.

Roberts also said the team hasn't ruled out the possibility of season-ending surgery for Kershaw.

Roberts made it clear, though, that nothing has been set in motion.

"I think that we're taking the approach that he is going to get back as soon as he can and when he can pick up a baseball," Roberts said. "But as you can see we've been reluctant from the beginning with Clayton as far as giving him a deadline or timetable."

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IN BRIEF

Cardinals lock up Mathieu

The Arizona Cardinals and All-Pro defensive back Tyrann Mathieu have agreed to a five-year contract extension, a rich reward for a player once considered a high-risk draftee.

A person with knowledge of the agreement says the contract totals \$62.5 million, with \$40 million guaranteed.

Mathieu, known as the "Honey Badger" to his multitude of fans, sent a tweet earlier Tuesday that said simply, "blessed."

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Tigers dump running back

Auburn's depleted backfield took another blow when coach Gus Malzahn dismissed top running back Jovon Robinson from the team Wednesday.

Malzahn said he kicked off Robinson, the team's top returning rusher, before the Tigers' first practice of pre-season camp.

"He did not meet my standards or expectations of what it takes to be an Auburn Tiger football player," the coach said after practice.

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Beckie has Canada up and running after 20 seconds



Women off to Olympic flyer as Harnett sets a medal target

It was a dramatic start for Canada at the Rio Summer Games on Wednesday.

Janine Beckie scored the quickest goal in Olympic soccer history as the Canadian women's soccer team earned a dramatic 2-0 win over Australia in São Paulo, Brazil. Beckie opened the scoring just 20 seconds into the match as Canada secured the victory despite playing short-handed for 71 minutes after Shelina Zadorsky received a red card.

The women's preliminary soccer schedule began two days before the Games are scheduled to officially open. After plenty of anxious moments for the Canadians, veteran captain Christine Sinclair cemented the win in the 80th minute.

Sinclair also made her presence felt early, intercepting Laura Alleway's pass to defensive partner Alanna Kennedy in front of the penalty box. And when Alleway rushed out at the Canadian captain, Sinclair coolly rolled a perfect pass through her legs to Beckie who tapped the ball past Australian goalkeeper Lydia Williams.

But the Canadians lost Zadorsky in the 19th minute, leaving Canada a player short for the remainder of the contest to nurse the slim lead. Zadorsky grabbed an Australian attacker by the shoulder, forcing her down.

Williams stopped a Beckie penalty in the 73rd minute after what was deemed an Australia handball in the box.

But Sinclair earned the insurance goal for Canada, beating Williams to a long ball from Fleming and then knocking it into an empty net. She celebrated with verve, clenching her fists. Canadian coach John Herdman said his team dug deep.

"The game had a bit of everything," he said. "It was great to watch."

The Olympic flame is now in Rio, ready for the lighting of the cauldron Friday. The torch relay, which began with a ceremonial lighting in Ancient Olympia, Greece in April, hitched a ride on a tour boat to reach the first city in South America to host the Olympics.

RECIPE Muffaletta

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Spend a few minutes in the morning assembling this gorgeous beast of a sandwich and come home just long enough to grab it and head back outside for a picnic dinner.

Ready in

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Total Time: 8 hours

Ingredients

- 1 loaf of bread
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp black olive tapenade
- 1 cup roasted red peppers, sliced into strips
- 2 cups mozzarella, sliced
- 2 handfuls of fresh basil
- 8 to 10 pieces of thinly sliced ham or prosciutto
- 1 or 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup green olives, sliced

Directions

1. Use a serrated knife to cut off the top third of the loaf of bread. Tear away the interior bread leaving about one inch, including the crust. Brush the inside of the top and bottom pieces with olive oil. Spread the tapenade on the underside of the top and set aside.

2. Begin layering. You can't go wrong. First lay down the red peppers. Next, lay down the mozzarella and cover with basil. Ham could come next, then olives and tomatoes. When you're done, place the top on and gently press down.

3. Wrap in cling film and place on a plate with something heavy on top. Put it in the fridge overnight. When you're ready to serve, unwrap your sandwich and cut into the loaf with a serrated knife.

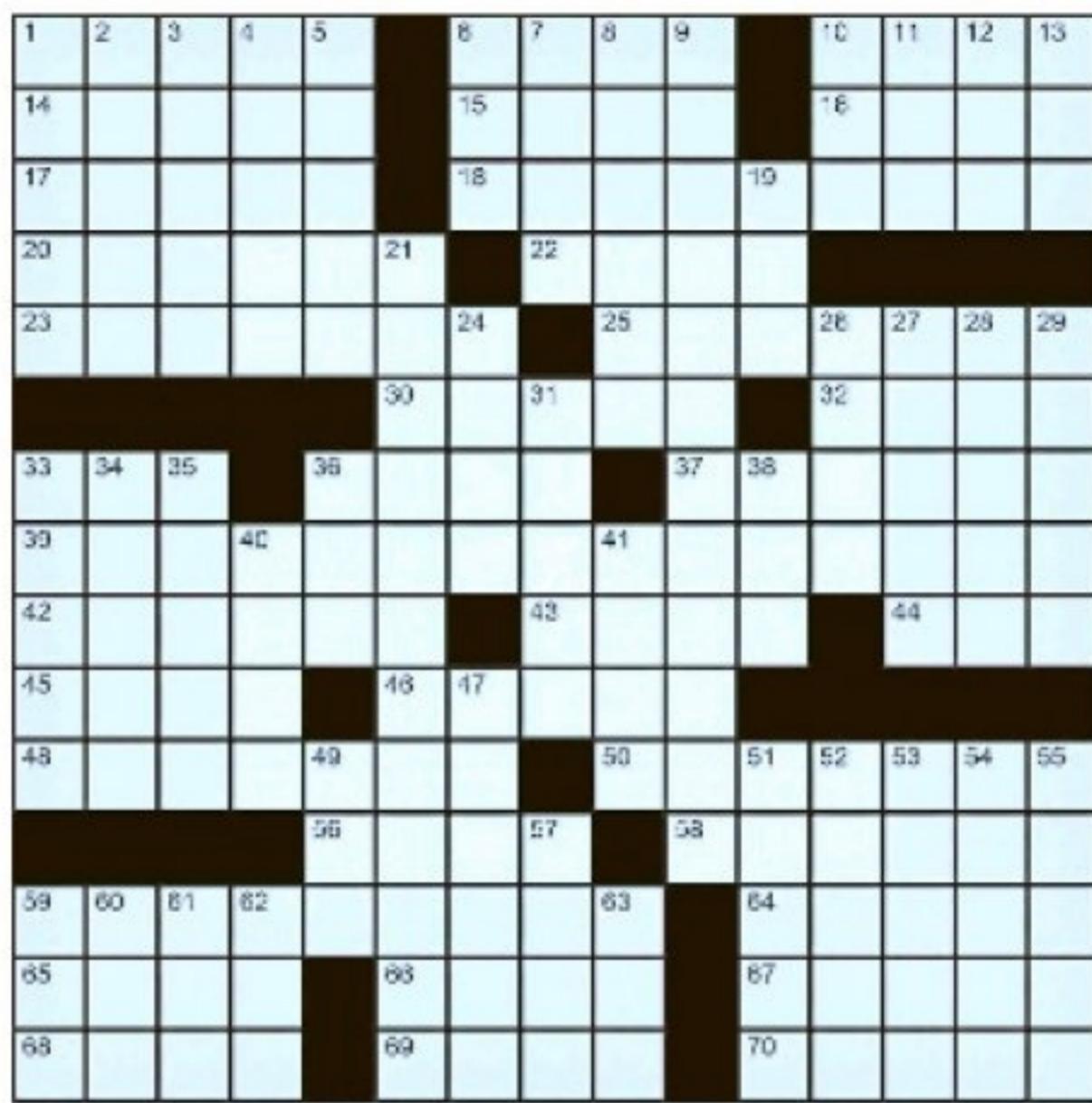
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1. Prefix to 'biotic' (Type of diet)
6. Dracula, e.g.
10. Hollywood icon Ms. Crawford
14. Sounded satisfied
15. Quant. (For my part, in French)
16. Up to it
17. Shred the cheese
18. Magic screen toy
20. "You're welcome.", fun-style: 2 wds.
22. Raison d'_
23. Word's opposite meaning word
25. Paper craft of Japan
30. Canadian comic strip, For Better or For _
32. The Good Earth heroine
33. "Wiedersehen"
36. Spare
37. John Lennon art portfolio: 2 wds.
39. Historic body of Canadian water, e.g.: 3 wds.
42. over (Cap-sized)
43. North: French
44. Ouest's opposite
45. Nabisco cookie
46. Has permission to, Shakespeare-style
48. Plant boss
50. Current
56. Consequently
58. Not any longer: 2 wds.
59. 6/49 and Lotto Max winners, sometimes
64. Spaghetti topper
65. Famed NYC music club
66. General Robert
67. Verbs subject
68. Snake snacks
69. Use a stun gun
70. Foxier

**DOWN**

1. Carta
2. Mr. Eckhart
3. Book's one-of-some, for short
4. Words to live by
5. Whitehorse-born author of 1970 book The National Dream: 2 wds.
6. "Rhoda" star Ms. Harper, to pals
7. 1975 title song lady hit for American band Pure Prairie League
8. Words to live by
9. Whitehorse-born author of 1970 book The National Dream: 2 wds.
10. Jam container
11. Broad belt

12. Highness, for short
13. Society notice word
19. "Mir Bist Du Schon"
21. Ottawa shopping area since 1826: 2 wds.
24. Change resi-

- dence
26. 1956: "The Wayward Wind" by Grant
27. like ours / Could never die..." - The Beatles
28. Sometimes-braided horse hairs
29. Torpid
31. Director Mr. Harlin
33. Andrew Lloyd Webber tune: "All I _ You"
34. Nirvana album: 'In '_
35. Fugitive
36. Stockholm is its cap.
38. 'Dull' suffix
40. Balm additive
41. Toll
47. Ms. Lansbury
49. Sea: French
51. Military assignments
52. Urge forward
53. Like the cob's stuff
54. Come about
55. French painter known for 'Tubism', Fernand (b.1881 - d.1955)
57. Iron and lead
59. John Fogerty's gr.
60. Northeastern Ontario community
61. Scale read-out, for short
62. Archaic [abbr.]
63. Behold

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You're keen to get better organized today, even though someone who is a teacher or from another culture might discourage you. Perhaps this person wants to play?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Explore creative opportunities today. Accept invitations to party and enjoy sports events and the arts. Financial restrictions might limit your choice. (Ain't it the truth?)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Lately, your busy pace has been exhausting. That's why you welcome an opportunity to cocoon at home and enjoy the comfort of familiar surroundings.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you're full of bright ideas that you want to share with others. Late in the day, someone might discourage you, because this person is older or more experienced. Don't let this happen.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Keep an eye on your finances today, because you might want to shop or explore financial negotiations. Whatever you do seems to be at odds with your social plans.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be aware that your reaction to others and daily events might be more emotional than usual today. Don't worry about this — it happens.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Work alone or behind the scenes today, because this will suit you best. Your increased popularity lately has stretched you a bit thin. Take a rest!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Enjoy schmoozing with others today, especially younger people. A serious conversation with a female acquaintance will be important.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are high-viz today — people notice you. This suits you perfectly, because you have something to say. Don't second-guess yourself and don't hold back.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a fun day to discuss future travel plans. You will enjoy meeting people from different cultures and backgrounds because you want to expand your experience of the world.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Tie up loose details regarding debt, shared property, taxes and inheritances.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You have to compromise with others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This is not a big deal. Just go with the flow. Late in the day, someone older might be opinionated. (Dodge this if you can.)

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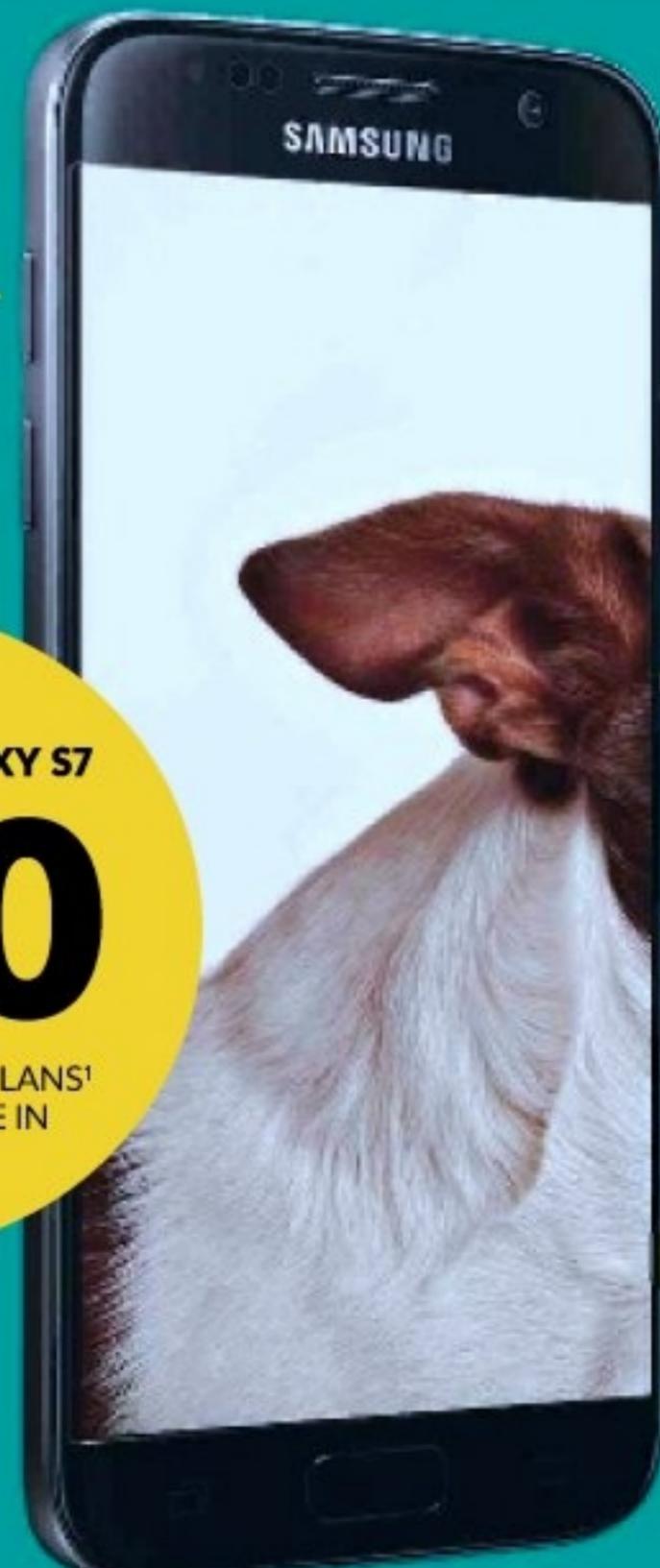
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